

Service for the Lord's Day

*Mighty Sovereign, your joy comes in the birds that sing us awake,
in the sun which warms us, and blue skies that mark the way.*

GATHERING

WELCOME AND NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRELUDE "The Cross of Calvary" Gerig/Whitworth

INTROIT "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"
Psalm 118:24/Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to sing! To sing good news of God:

People: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, and surrounds us with joy and life.

Leader: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

People: to rejoice in the One who leads us with a gentle hand and a word of hope.

Leader: Now is the time to join in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies.

People: We will sing the good news of Easter! We will rejoice in the God who conquered death.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 281 "Lamb of God" LAMB OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

We can hold on to hurt until our hands begin to cramp. We refuse to set our grudges down, and we think that's the way God operates as well. But God's anger lasts for just a moment, while the grace, the forgiveness, and the hope God offers never go away. Let us dare to bring our prayers to the One who hears us and heals us as we confess our sin, both individually and corporately, using the words in the bulletin, and then make our personal confessions silently to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Now that Easter is done and gone, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music, but listen instead to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Fortunately, Holy One, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Thank you, Risen Lord, for loving and forgiving us. (A time of silence for personal confession and prayer)

*All who are able may stand

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, do not weep. Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Risen Lord came to share mercy and hope with us, so now we praise our God with joyous hearts.

All: We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We offer our hearts and hands in love and service to others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 734 Gloria Patri

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Alan and Bess Hood

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Creator of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Ancient Scripture, we may see the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 30:4-12
Pew Bible page 621

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Medley/Purifoy
*I know that my Redeemer lives.
What joy this blest assurance gives.
He live, he lives who once was dead.
He lives, my everlasting Head.
He lives to bless me with his love.
He lives my hungry soul to feed.
He lives to help in time of need.
He lives and grants me daily breath.
He lives, and now I know that I shall conquer death
He lives, my mansion to prepare.
He lives to bring me safely there.
He live, all glory to his name.
He lives, my Savior still the same.
What joy this blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives.
What joy this blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives.
He lives.*

SCRIPTURE READING John 21:1-19
Pew Bible page 141

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Pursued by God" Rev. Candice L. Klein

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -

"In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" This, we believe. Amen.

- A Brief Statement of Faith 10.4

OFFERTORY "Wounded for Me" Ovens/Whitworth

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #468 "My Jesus I Love Thee" GORDON

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Lord's Table
Great Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People

Prayer Following Communion

For the healing you have given us in the broken bread and the cup poured out, we thank you. For the community you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength you have promised us, even as we struggled in our daily walk, we thank you. Send us out from this sacred place, dear Lord, leading the quest for justice offered with gentleness, and power known through the presence of your Holy Spirit. For we pray in the name of your Beloved Son, the Risen One. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #562 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" MESSAGE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Blessing" Dengler/Dengler
*Walk in the light of Jesus, piercing the darkness of the night.
Follow the radiant morning star that shines so clear and bright.
Walk in the light of Jesus; giving you hope to travel on,
Shedding its rays upon the path that leads you to the dawn.
Walk in the light. Walk in the light. Amen. Amen*

POSTLUDE "Alleluia" Whitworth

KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS: Ned Douglass; Carter MacFarland; Julia MacFarland; Harry Marsh; Brim Stone

NHC Gallatin: Joe Blackshear; David Potts (Shelli DeGraff's father)

THE HEARTH: Anna Gasser; Norma Jones; Ann Cowan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SIGN the "Attendance Register" so that we may have a record of your presence with us.

SERVING AT WORSHIP: Head Usher: Laura Duffer; Liturgist: Liz Ferrell; Nursery: Shirley Arrendale and Sharon Sides

THE FLOWERS this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor Ann Moffatt Kuhn by Charles Moffatt

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNERS: Dinner will be served at 5:30. Please see your insert for the menu and reservation form. Reservations are required. The deadline to turn in your reservations is Monday by noon.

The program will be a celebration of another amazing year for the Foundation working with the children from CAP. We are inviting the children and their families to join us for Wednesday night dinner, so please come to meet these kids and see what they've been up to, and also welcome their families into God's house. We'll show off our quilts and jewelry and cutting boards. We may demonstrate how to decorate a cake. We'll let you see our colorful ukuleles and may even attempt a song. And we'll tell you the fun we've been having learning how to use our God-given talents to create beautiful things.

GROCERY CARTS: The month of May we are collecting for

Gallatin CARES: Peanut butter, ramen noodles, tuna, canned fruit, and chili

HomeSafe: Cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, bathroom cleaner

Please bring your items and put them in the grocery carts in the downstairs lobby.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *To Mars and Beyond* is June 10-14 from 9-noon. You may register online at fpcgallatin.org.

SESSION

| Class of 2019 | Class of 2020 | Class of 2021 |
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| Robert Blakey | Chuck Deck | Jennifer Anderson |
| Carrie Mabrey | Sharon Sides | Liz Ferrell |
| Kenneth Thomson | Bill Hamby | Ann Thurman |
| Bob Young | | |

CHURCH CALENDAR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON.-THURS. 9:30-4:30 FRI. 9:30-1:00

SUNDAY, MAY 5

9:00am Sunday School
10:00 Worship

MONDAY, MAY 6

10:30am Meals on Wheels
6:30pm Learning More (Christian Education)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

10:00am Bible Study
10:30 Meals on Wheels
6:30pm Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

5:30pm WNT Dinner/Program
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 9

10:30am Meals on Wheels
6:30pm Boy Scouts

FRIDAY, MAY 10

10:30am Meals on Wheels
1:00pm Church Office Closes
6:00 Preschool Graduation

CHURCH STAFF

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| Pastor | The Rev. Candice L. Klein |
| Pastor Emeritus | The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Moffatt |
| Administrator | Carol Stewart |
| Organist/Choirmaster | Robert Thurman |
| Children's Ministry Coordinator | Dianne Cothran |
| Financials | Marie Hintemeyer |
| Preschool Director | Sharon Sides |
| Sound Tech | Bob DeGraff/Madison Briggs |
| Sexton | Johnny Brown |

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.